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Action Group 1 Meeting Minutes

6 December 2016, Skype

Time: 15h00 – 16h00 (South African Time)

1. **Welcome and Opening Remarks** – Mark Engel
2. **Attendees:** Mark Engel (ME), Jonathan Spector (JS), Lwazi Mhlanti (LM) and Janette Lombard (JL)
3. **Apologies:** Steven Justus (SJ), Joris van Dam (JVD), John Musuku (JM)
4. **No RSVP:** Abdi Alisalad (AA)
5. **Summary of meeting**
 - ME had meeting with Alisalad - discussed:
 - WHO component of the registry – gave update on Commcare app
 - Will speak on the Minimal data set for WHO once WHO Collaborating Centre is up and running
 - Upcoming Survey they hope to do
 - Training of echo technologist/nurses in the handheld device
 - Liesl Zuhlke agreed to help with the ultrasound training
 - John Musuku Survey for their study - We could probably use some of their nurses/echo technologist in this training of staff
 - No plan for training yet – long term vision
 - ME meeting with Dr Muita (WHO) - 7 December 09h30 on the Novartis grant (ME will report back to JS)
 - Young lady joining us with WHO Collaborating Centre – agreed to help with writing of SOP's
 - Hopefully working manuals ready for Cairo meeting
 - Lwazi has explored importing of data from other registries (Invictus, Remedy)
 - Confident that we'll have complete picture ready for WHO
 - The following tested the app: (we've applied some changes according to their skip pattern suggestions)
 - Dr John Meda (Tanzania)
 - Dr Muita from WHO
 - LM still busy with few amendments, ready in two days with latest version - JS and JvD will also look at it
 - ME: Translating into Portuguese language
 - Original person in thought too expensive (rate per hour)
 - Albertino Damasceno (Mozambique) staff willing to help with translation
 - JS: Portuguese woman at office – would be delighted to help – to be tested in proper context
 - Excel spreadsheet (LM will forward to JS)
 - Dimagi contract: JL remind GN and ME to discuss in early next week (done)
 - Look at it before Cairo meeting

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6. Next steps, specific tasks:

- JL:
 - Remind ME and GN to discuss Dimagi contract early next week (done)
 - Remind ME to speak with Prof Bongani on Penicillin – Skin testing workshop (done)
 - Send emails out to Action Group Leaders to send their questions (Cairo meeting discussion)
- LM:
 - Finalise App's final version – JS and JvD will test
 - Send excel spreadsheet to JS – Portuguese translation

7. Any other business

- JS: Update on the Prevalence Paper
 - i. LZ and ME discussed few comments
 - ii. LZ not in town, will get to it when she's back
- Penicillin Action Group
 - i. Sulafa Ali and Aiden Long – would like to do a consultation/workshop around the need for skin testing before administration of Penicillin (as there is a lot of misconception surrounding whether skin testing is needed)
 - ii. Opportunity with expert together to discuss as group?
 - iii. ME will discuss with Prof Bongani
- Cairo Meeting (13 Jan 2017): Questions from Action Group Leaders
 - i. Collate data beforehand and present in coloured chart instead of 20 minute platform each
 - ii. JL to send email to Action Group Leaders to collect their questions (done)
 - iii. JS will not be attending Cairo meeting – Sherri Schwaninger, Brigitta Tadmor, Aiden Long, Florian Falch will attend

8. Closed with thanks

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